

Deputies' Meeting

Tuesday, 27 January 1953

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PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Becker, Helms, Houston, [REDACTED]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted he had received a call from Mr. Kirkpatrick who indicated that Dr. Howard Rusk would be in Washington on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week for a series of conferences prior to departure for Korea in connection with rehabilitation of wounded U.S. Military personnel. It was Kirkpatrick's suggestion that someone from the DD/P area get in touch with Rusk. Mr. Helms undertook to follow through on this and DDCI noted he would be available on Thursday afternoon to attend a conference with Dr. Rusk.

b. Stated he had discussed the loss of [REDACTED] with Gen. Cabell and it was Gen. Cabell's belief that [REDACTED] mission was [REDACTED]

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d. Stated he did desire to see [REDACTED] prior to his return to [REDACTED]

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Mr. Helms:

a. Noted that a cable had been received from [REDACTED] requesting authority to put a team composed of American personnel [REDACTED] DDCI stated that before consideration could be given to this request we would need the following information: [REDACTED]

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b. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Helms (Cont'd.)

combined command with General Handy as the Commander in Chief and, therefore, this request could be considered as having been coordinated among the Military services concerned. Mr. Helms undertook to draft a reply to [ ] indicating approval of CIA participation. 25X1

25X1 c. Noted a cable from the Senior Representative, [ ] complaining of a recent article published in LIFE on French politics. DDCI stated there was not much we could do about this one. 25X1

25X1 d. Noted that in all probability [ ] would request an appointment with DDCI to discuss further the Indochina flap and recommended that [ ] be referred to him. The DDCI noted his approval but stated he would see [ ] for a "few minutes". 25X1

25X1 e. Reported that [ ] had prepared a memorandum concerning the [ ] which indicated that State had been withholding action on this problem awaiting recommendations from Minister Rankin and an opportunity to present it to the new Secretary of State. 25X1

25X1 f. Noted that [ ] was presently on leave; however, he would return to Washington on 8 February and be here for the remainder of that month.

25X1 g. Stated that [ ] were all "scheduled" to return to Headquarters at the same time. DDCI stated this would not be necessary and directed that only [ ] return together with [ ] following at a later date. 25X1

Mr. Becker:

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b. Stated that a dry-run for the first Wednesday briefing of the NSC was being held this afternoon and undertook to so advise the Director. DDCI asked that a copy of the briefing notes be furnished him.

25X1 c. Reported that [ ] was scheduled to arrive in Washington in the near future accompanied by [ ] and, in the event [ ] raised the question of CIA participation in the last [ ] conference, both he (Becker) and Mr. Helms were prepared to discuss this matter. 25X1

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25X1 d. Referred to his comment at the Deputies' Meeting on 23 January that there was a feeling of watchful waiting throughout the intelligence orbit in regard to the world situation and noted that (1) this feeling still prevailed; (2) the possibility still remained that the ChiComs might start an offensive in mid-February; (3) therefore, this should be born in mind in the conduct of [redacted]

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e. Undertook to prepare a paper for DDCI and General Cabell in regard to the recommendations contained in the Brownell report.

Mr. Houston:

a. Noted that the President had authorized the Director of Central Intelligence to award the National Security Medal and stated that it was his understanding that General Smith felt that this Medal should be awarded for (1) valor; (2) distinguished service. [redacted] noted that this was correct and, in fact, the Director had indicated that (1) the Medal awarded for valor should bear a palm to distinguish it from an award for distinguished service; (2) he (the Director) desired to see the "mock up" of the Medal before it was cast. 25X1

25X1 b. Noted that the bill from the [redacted] lawyer (\$2,000.00) who represented [redacted] had been received. DDCI authorized payment from unvouchered funds. 25X1

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